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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, JM
SUBJECT: JLP CONTEMPLATES SELECTED ELECTORAL RECOUNTS

1. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) IS PLANNING TO ASK FOR COURT-SUPERVISED RECOUNTS OF THE RESULTS IN TWENTY-FIVE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JLP, WHICH WAS TROUNCED IN JAMAICA'S DEC 15 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (ACCORDING TO THE LATEST COUNT IT WON ONLY 13 OF THE 60 SEATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES), ASSERTED THAT "PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE NOW AVAILABLE SUGGESTS IRREGULARITIES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON A VERY LARGE SCALE AND WE BELIEVE FURTHER EVIDENCE WHICH WILL COME TO LIGHT AS A RESULT OF THE RECOUNTS WILL CONFIRM THIS." IF THE RECOUNTS SHOULD REVEAL LARGE-SCALE IRREGULARITIES, THE PARTY WILL CHALLENGE VARIOUS CONTESTS THROUGH ELECTION PETITIONS FILED BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

2. THE REMARKS REPORTED IN THE PRESS ARE PUBLIC
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